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Monday, Feb. 28	164,670	19,596	543	138	175,679	6.5%	64.58%

Gateway Area Plan scoping yields advice and comment

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — With the draft Gateway Area Plan (GAP) making the rounds through Arcata's specialized volunteer committees, there's been no shortage of guidance about the plan. At it's Feb. 8 meeting, members of the Planning Commission forwarded fresh concerns and comments.

Meanwhile, the city is still compiling public input gathered at a recent Gateway Open House at the Community Center, with that anticipated for release this month as the evolving plan goes to the City Council for an update.

Commissioners raised a number of issues. Commissioner Kimberley White asked about the plan's support for the unhoused, with supportive housing.

Community Development Director David Loya said while there is no specific requirement for supportive housing, the plan attempts to include and mingle housing for all income ranges within the 138-acre Gateway Area. It includes inclusionary zoning for larger projects, plus incentives for developers to create more low- to moderate-income housing "and drive the market towards providing that full range."

In response to questions by Commissioner Dan Tangney, Loya said that home ownership in new developments will be in-

centivized. He said that parks and play areas would be sited on numerous designated open space areas (including one Plaza-sized spot) as well as street setbacks that could feature benches and other amenities. Also, Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) could purchase property within the Gateway Area, and as a state entity, would be exempt from the GAP. The city's relationship with CPH in this regard will be the subject of a future agenda item.

Commissioner Julie Vaissade-Elcock stated her opposition to the unfinished plan, referring to it as a "project" and calling it "the exact same plan you see in other cities. I wish we had something a little more tailor-made for our area." She expressed concern that projects within the area would be beyond the capabilities of most local developers, and could "change Arcata to, you know, 'Dancoville' or something."

Loya responded that the draft plan is the product of years of public engagement, with more in progress, and that city will "tailor-make" the final plan.

Vaissade-Elcock, owner of Arcata Property Management, also opposed creation of The Village student housing while serving as a boardmember of the Arcata Citizens for Responsible Housing, which was funded in part by a never-identified developer.



David Loya

GATEWAY ♦ PAGE 8



SUNNY BRAE SUPERSTARS

HAPPY TRAILERS Some 22 volunteers worked with City of Arcata staff for three hours on Saturday morning, Feb. 26, in the Sunny Brae Tract of the Arcata Community Forest. Clockwise from top left, Terry Wilson removing English ivy; Patrick Owen, Ellery Ames, and Tim Howard relieved to have a crib log in place on the Beith Creek Loop; Rick Schlexer cutting invasive holly; and Lisa Landis removing English ivy. The crew took out invasives, planted 75 new redwoods, installed several large logs to reinforce the trail, brushed back an overgrown section, and more. New volunteers are always welcome. Check out humtrails.org for more information on the Volunteer Trail Steward Program.

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Mental health needs: 'more of everything'

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — A three-year effort to define the community's mental health services needs is in its final phase and shows demand for geographical expansion of services, more programs and more mental health care providers.

A Feb. 25 virtual public meeting on the county's Mental Health Services Act Community Program Planning Process is one

of 35 held to shape the three-year plan. It details use of funding under the state's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), which sets a one percent tax on annual income over a million dollars for mental health programs.

MHSA Coordinator Cathy Rigby presented the input culled from 35 stakeholder meetings with 355 participants and 597 community survey responses.

In both the meetings and the survey, a general call for ex-

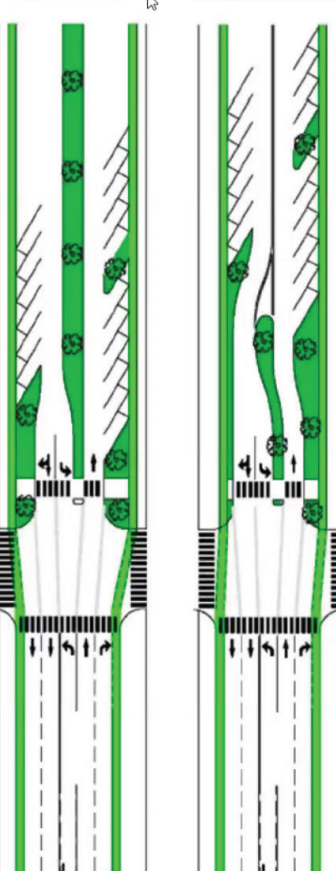
panding and increasing access to mental health programs got the most mention.

Workforce support, early childhood services, youth support, housing and services for the homeless, school-based mental health counselors and programs for the seriously mentally ill were also among the top demands.

Many of those who commented asked for expansion of mental health services into more areas

MENTAL HEALTH ♦ PAGE 4

Alternative 1 with Median
Alternative 2 without Median



McK Town Center could go on traffic lane-reducing 'road diet'

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE — In an effort to make the McKinleyville Town Center friendlier for pedestrians and bicyclists, a portion of Central Avenue may be reduced to one lane in each direction, with parking or parklets on each side.

The "road diet" proposal was discussed by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee

(McKMAC) at its Feb. 23 meeting. Members of the county advisory committee were generally supportive of the proposal.

The McKinleyville Town Center, located between Railroad and Heartwood drives, is bisected by Central Avenue, which has a total of five lanes, two northbound, two southbound and one middle turn-lane. The speed limit is 35 mph.

The exact location of

where the lanes may be reduced has not been determined, although it would likely be in front of the McKinleyville Shopping Center.

Some attendees at the meeting said that the "road diet" should be extended north to Railroad Drive and south to Heartwood Drive, and maybe even further.

The McKMAC had previously reviewed a

TRAFFIC CALMING Public works provided these alternatives for Central Avenue in the McKinleyville Town Center. The roadway now has a total of five lanes, two northbound, two southbound and one middle turn lane. Under this proposal, the road would be reduced to one lane in each direction. The goal is to slow traffic and make it safer for pedestrians. The reduced lanes might be constructed in front of the McKinleyville Shopping Center, although it could be extended further north or south.

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HumCo Historical Society holds 'Drive By Birthday Party'

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HUMBOLDT – On Thursday, March 3 from noon to 2 p.m., the Humboldt County Historical Society (HCHS) invites the public to a “drive by” birthday party to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

On March 3, 1947, 75 years ago, a group of local citizens met to establish an organization to collect and preserve Humboldt County's historical documents and records.

HCHS has a rich and varied history and many stories to share, and while we are not open at the present, we look forward to opening our doors in the near future!

Dave Silverbrand, local media host, will be on hand Thursday, March 3 between noon and 2 p.m. to welcome guests to the porch of the Historical Society and hand out cookies.

The Historical Society is located in the house built in 1902 for Dr. Reuben Gross. The house was donated to the HCHS by Dr. Gross' granddaughter Helen Barnum, and has been the Society's headquarters since the early 1990s. The house is on the corner of Eighth and H streets, at 703 Eighth St.. All are welcome to drive by, honk, and enjoy a cookie to celebrate!

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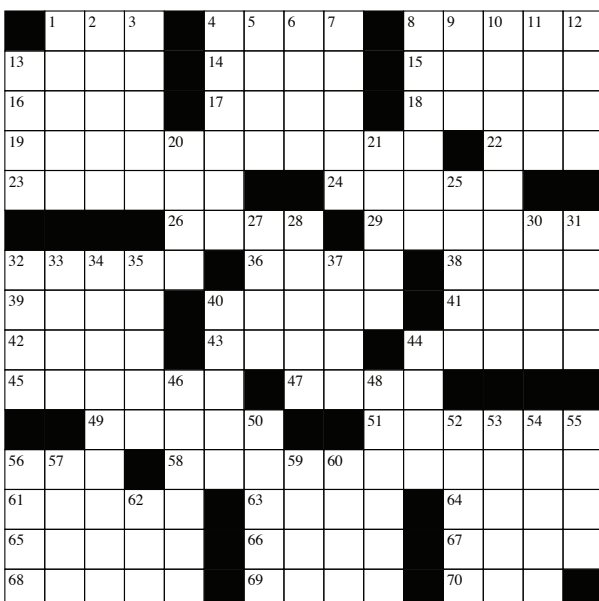
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16. Stratford's site
17. Choir voice
18. Up to
19. Meat cuts
22. Mr. Linden
23. Infuriates
24. Social division
26. Eastern European
29. Changed directions
32. Let up
36. Seine feeder
38. Carnival attraction
39. Salvador ___
40. Uncooperative one
41. Small cut
42. She: Sp.
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51. Protective forces
56. Rosalynn, to Amy
58. Bag closers
61. White poplar
63. Cake recipe verb
64. Class
65. Recluse
66. Girl's name
67. Change for a five
68. Places for berets
69. Monthly payment
70. No longer working: abbr.

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6. Regarding
7. Unflinching
8. Dessert choice
9. Container
10. Producing suds
11. Literary pseudonym
12. Convince
13. Facts and figures
20. Gaelic
21. Everyone's button
25. Rudely brief
27. Graceful animals
28. Best-selling book
30. Adams or Falco
31. Store division: abbr.
32. Sweet drinks
33. Part of B. & O.
34. Stipend
35. Fancy headgear
37. Prophet
40. Staircase part
44. Grumpy person
46. Parents and grandparents
48. Determined
50. Sharp weapon
52. Sun shield
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Youths arrested with drugs, guns after wild chase

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ARCATA – On Monday, Feb. 21 at about 4:25 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on the 1800 block of 27th Street, in the county's jurisdiction of Arcata, for the report of shots fired.

Deputies arrived at the residence and contacted two male victims. During their investigation, deputies learned that earlier in the evening the victims observed a vehicle driving up and down the residential street at a high rate of speed.

The victims reportedly yelled to the driver of the vehicle to slow down.

According to the victims, the vehicle stopped outside the residence and two juvenile males exited the vehicle. The juveniles confronted the victims and then reportedly fired multiple shots at the victims prior to fleeing the area. The victims did not sustain injuries from the incident.

At approximately 7:20



CRIMEY STUFF The huge haul harvested by HCSO deputies. SUBMITTED PHOTO

p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy on patrol in the Eureka area observed the suspects' vehicle on the 2600 block of Broadway Street.

The deputy attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle, at which point the vehicle failed to yield and a pursuit ensued.

Deputies pursued the vehicle onto U.S. Highway 101, during this time observing the driver commit multiple vehicle code violations. The California Highway Patrol and the Fortuna Police Department were requested to assist with the pursuit.

The Fortuna Police Department successfully deployed a strike strip, dis-

abling the vehicle in the area of U.S. Highway 101 near 12th Street in Fortuna.

A 17-year-old male driver and an adult female passenger were taken into custody without further incident.

The juvenile male was found to be on probation, in addition to having a warrant for his arrest. Additionally, the male was positively identified as one of the suspects in the shooting investigation earlier that afternoon.

During a search of the vehicle, deputies located two loaded firearms, one of which had been modified to be fully automatic. Additionally, deputies located over 900 Fentanyl pills and over one pound of cannabis.

As deputies continued their investigation, the second juvenile suspect was identified as a 15-year-old male.

On Feb. 22 at about 2:37 a.m., sheriff's deputies served an arrest warrant at a residence on the 2500 block of Alliance Road in

Arcata, with the assistance of the Arcata Police Department.

The second juvenile male suspect was located and taken into custody without incident.

The female passenger, 19-year-old Skyra Eve Summers, was booked into jail on charges of conspiracy to commit a crime.

The 17-year-old male suspect was booked into the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall on charges of evading a police officer, evading by traveling in the opposite lane of traffic, possession of marijuana over 28.5 grams, possession of narcotics for sales, transportation of narcotics, possession of narcotics while armed, carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, transportation of assault weapon, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a machine gun and probation violation.

The 15-year-old male suspect was booked into the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall on charges of attempted homicide and conspiracy to commit a crime.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the California Highway Patrol, Fortuna Police Department and the Arcata Police Department for their assistance with this investigation.

Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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Wednesday, Feb. 23	.00	16.51	18.32	26.58
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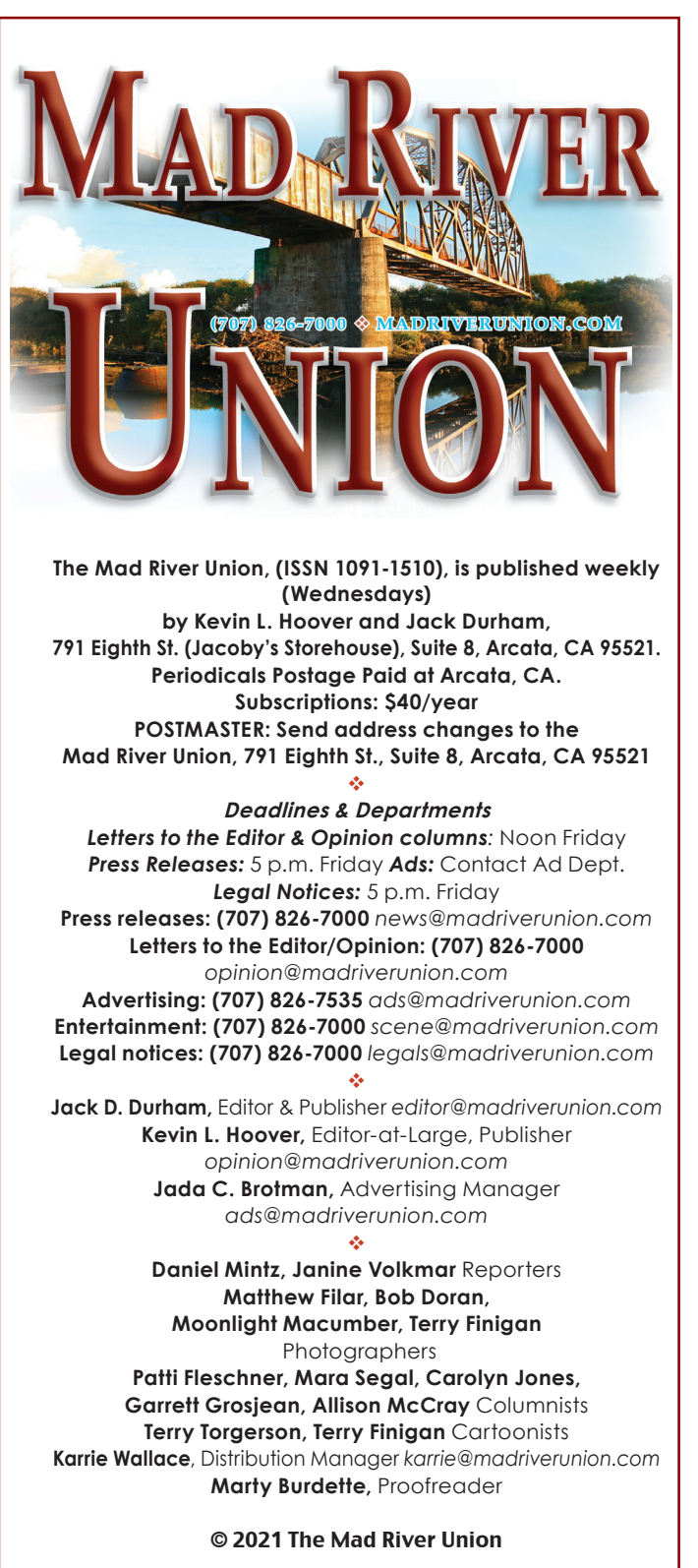
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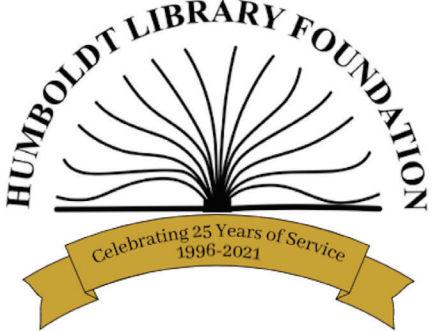
HLF's 'Library at Your Door' brings literacy home

HUMBOLDT LIBRARY FOUNDATION

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) announced it has reached its goal to raise over \$50,000 to kick-start a new home delivery program “Library at Your Door.” The program will serve library cardholders who, due to transportation barriers, have difficulty accessing the library. The funds will be used to purchase a customized cargo van to deliver books and materials to the doorstep of some of Humboldt County’s most vulnerable residents.

HLF Boardmember Peter La-Vallee, who led the campaign effort, said, “I’m thrilled that HLF donors had such an enthusiastic response for this project. With their support, the library will be able to bring books and materials to the doorstep of home-bound seniors, young families who don’t live near a branch or the many residents in our community with limited transportation options.”

Donors to this project include the McLean Foundation, Terri Clarke and Marty Lay, Pierson Building Center, PG&E, Coast Central Credit Union, the Humboldt Democratic Central Committee, Bonnie Neely, Mercer Fraser, Papa Barkley, Recology Humboldt,



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“This home delivery program is a critical next step in expanding library services to Humboldt County residents,” said HLF Board President Elizabeth Murguia. “HLF donors rose to the occasion to make this program happen and we are thrilled to be able to provide the library with this critical resource.”

Chris Cooper, director of library services said, “I would like to express my gratitude to the donors contrib-

uting to Library at Your Door. Thank you for supporting another innovative service that connects people to Humboldt County Library’s dynamic collections of books, magazines, movies, and other library materials.”

The home delivery program is expected to launch later this year. Services will launch in Eureka, Fortuna, and Arcata and expand to other communities in the future. Library patrons will be able to use existing reservation systems to request home delivery.

HLF was formed in 1996 to build financial support for the Humboldt County Library system, which includes the Main Library in Eureka, ten branches and a bookmobile that serves 14 rural communities. HLF raises funds in the community and makes direct annual grants to the library to help purchase new materials, add programming and provide technology upgrades. Since its inception, HLF has provided over \$1.5 million in grants to the library.

Donations of any size are welcome. If you wish to create a donor advised fund or want more information on the Humboldt Library Foundation and how you can give, visit humboldtlibrary-foundation.org, "like" us on Facebook, or call the HLF office at (707) 269-1991.



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Mental health | Services

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of the county and to increase the county’s numbers of mental health professionals so that services can be available to all who need them.

The plan’s annual update for the 2022 to 2023 fiscal year includes nine stakeholder meetings with 21 participants so far and has shown similar services demands as well as requests for increasing community input.

Rigby summarized the stakeholder commentary from people who have been diagnosed with serious mental illnesses and their friends and family members.

“I’ve been going out and doing the meetings for five years and what people say is pretty consistent,” she said. “They want more of everything and the details vary but there’s not enough mental health services and not enough professionals who want to work in the field – it’s a crisis across the whole nation.”

Several members of the county’s Behavioral Health Board participated in the meeting.

Boardmember Tim Doty recommended “a focus on residential treatment facilities.” He said his experience has shown that residential facilities are the most effective means of providing mental health care for people who are released from jail and are outpatients from Semperirens, the county’s psychiatric facility.

More of the board’s recommendations were summarized by Boardmember Allison Tans. They include using MHSA funds to expand coverage for outpatient treatment, having

mobile response team visits to residences, pregnancy and postpartum support and early stage psychosis intervention.

Workforce education and training is also needed. “I’ve heard this from a number of colleagues – there really isn’t supervisor training,” said Tans, adding, “At [the county’s Department of Mental Health Services] I really don’t see that happening for supervisors.”

“Tribal cultural humility training” would also be helpful in Humboldt, she said.

Sempervirens is “old and run down” and it would help to “brighten it up a little bit,” Tans continued.

Behavioral Health Boardmember Tim Ash reiterated the suggestion to boost “first episode psychosis” response. “That would be really important for young people to help them adjust to their new health conditions in a way that’s least disruptive to their lives,” he said.

Peter Stoll of the Humboldt County Office of Education discussed the county’s partnerships with schools and recommended expansion of in-school services beyond “just responsive mental health services,” into “prevention and early intervention.”

The MHSA plan’s annual update will posted on the county’s website and circulated for a 30-day public comment period.

The Behavioral Health Board will hold a public hearing and the MHSA plan will go to the county’s Board of Supervisors for approval in June before being submitted to the state.



Best buds
Dozer and Doc



Doc

Rayna and Doc – cordial, curious, attentive

Today’s pair of dogs are currently categorized as rescue dogs at the shelter. What does that mean? It means that some aspect of their behavior has kept them from being considered for adoption through the shelter.

These are dogs that Redwood Pals Rescue evaluate to determine if they can be considered for adoption. We always take issues of safety as our first consideration.

As a side note, I have several dogs that were not eligible for adoption at the shelter, including my beloved Hank who occasionally steps in as guest author here, and Baylee, who had experienced abuse before arriving at the shelter but who is now a reliably no-drama kind of dog.

Rayna is a two-year-old female dog. We think she could be a cattle dog/rat terrier mix. She is about 40 pounds but could stand to lose a few of those. Rayna is very smart and has been quick to learn new skills. She’s already shown some interest in agility and has some serious rodent-hunting instincts.

While walking in a field near the shelter Rayna sized up a culvert and immediately began widening the opening so that she could crawl in and get whatever was in there! There



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

is a rat-hunting competition called Barn Hunt and we think Rayna would be a natural for that.

She is a little opinionated about other dogs, despite originally coming in with one. We have been working with her to learn to notice other dogs but not need to bark at them. She has been a quick learner and should be able to continue these lessons with a new handler.

For now, Rayna would probably do best in a single dog home while she works on her responses. Rayna loves treats and praise and rewards her friends with happy wiggles and a good Sit. She does love a good belly rub too!

Doc is a three-year-old bully breed mix. He has a long, lean body and a cute boxy face. He is an affectionate guy and loves to give kisses when his human friends are in range! Doc has a good Sit and is learning to give focused attention to his handler. He has pretty good leash manners and is happy for his human’s attention.

Doc is curious about the world and enjoys his walks. He is comfortable walking with most dogs and has both male and female dog friends. Doc is not a candidate for adoption at the shelter because he doesn’t appreciate dogs coming over his head with their paws or bodies.



Rayna

His best buddy is a big fellow named Dozer who is happy to walk with and sniff Doc but isn’t looking for a rowdy playmate.

Doc would do best with a quiet dog for a companion or in an only-dog home. Doc is about 75 pounds and is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.

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McKinleyville | Part of making Town Center safe for walking and biking

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proposal to maintain two lanes in each direction, but have diagonal parking on each side. The idea was opposed by Humboldt County Public Works, which is in charge of roads in unincorporated McKinleyville.

Public Works Director Tom Mattson said his department has safety concerns about drivers backing up into traffic to get out of their parking spots.

With two lanes, vehicles would be driving too fast to make this option safe.

As an alternative, Public Works provided the McKMAC with a proposal to reduce Central Avenue to two lanes, with a median strip in the middle and parking on either side. Another option discussed was having parklets instead of parking, or maybe both.

Mattson explained that the community needs to decide how it wants it wants its downtown to be like. If the goal is to simply move traffic, then the existing five lanes is the best option, he said. But if the goal is create a walkable downtown, then traffic calming is needed.

McKMAC member Pat Kaspari, who is the manager of the McKinleyville Community Services District, noted that a sewer main runs down the middle of Central Avenue. The design of the road should be such that if the MCSD needs to work on the sewer lines, it doesn’t completely close Central Avenue, Kaspari said.

One option that gained traction at the meeting was having one lane in each direction, with a middle turn lane. This would provide an option for emergency vehicles to get by traffic.

One of the concerns was whether the reduced lanes would create congestion. Central Avenue is one of the busiest roads in the county system, with 18,000 vehicles a day.

Committee members speculated that some residents would adapt their driving habits. Instead of exiting U.S. Highway 101 just north of the Mad River Bridge and then taking Central Avenue through town, they might decide to use the School Road, Murray Road or Airport Road exits.

Colin Fiske of the Coalition

for Responsible Transportation Priorities said that similar projects have been done in hundreds of places and have been successful. He also noted that if there is congestion that slows down cars, that’s a good thing.

McKMAC Chair Bonnie Oliver noted that a primary goal of the McKinleyville Community Plan is to make the downtown a place where people can safely and comfortably walk and bike. If the committee doesn’t accomplish this, it will have failed, Oliver said.

McKMAC member Greg Orsini said that he wants to hear from public safety officials to make sure the road design doesn’t impede their ability to respond to calls.

The McKMAC received a couple dozen emails from resident about reducing the lanes on Central Avenue. Almost all of the residents, except for two, were in favor of the idea.

“Simply put Central Avenue is a mess,” Brian Lovell wrote to the McKMAC. “We say we are a town where horses have the right away, Not on Central Ave. A while back,

my wife was walking to Pierson Park from the shopping center and was almost hit by a car running a red light. People think the street is a freeway. A few years ago pedestrian crossings were installed and while they did help a bit they are not enough. We need to slow traffic down and make the area a true downtown and not a series of strip malls.”

The McKMAC received an email from Frank Sanchez stating his opposition to the proposal.

“It’s not a good idea due to the growing volume of traffic as it will cause a ‘bottleneck’ effect and actually create a more dangerous result to traffic for both pedestrians and drivers,” wrote Sanchez, who suggested instead that the speed limit be lowered.

The proposal will be further tweaked and brought back to the McKMAC at a future meeting.

The committee also discussed what’s called the Central Avenue Burden Area, an archaic building restriction that dates back to the 1930s, when Central Avenue was the main highway.

The agency that would later become th California Department

of Transportation obtained covenants from some, but not all, property owners along Central Avenue.

Those covenants restrict what can be built roughly 45 feet behind the curb. That’s why most buildings are set back and have parking lots in front.

When U.S. Highway 101 was built at its current location in the 1960s, the covenants were transferred to the County of Humboldt.

The committee was asked whether the county should relinquish the covenants to property owners or keep them.

This raised all sorts of legal questions as to whether the covenants are still valid and what, exactly, can the area be used for.

County planner John Miller told the committee that he would return to a future meeting with a legal opinion on the matter.

The McKMAC will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. to review draft language for the Town Center ordinance.

The Zoom link can be found at humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ.

Baby-naming bill honors Native American traditions

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JIM WOOD

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa) have announced AB 2176, expanding the timeframe for Native American families to register the birth of a child.

The bill is expanding the timeframe for registration from 10 days to 21 days, honoring and accommodating the period of sacred ceremonial blessing and naming of the newborn.

State law currently requires registration of a newborn within 10 days of birth. Many Native American families follow a cultural tradition of not naming their newborn for 10 days and dedicating the 10th day to a sacred naming ceremony. This tradition does not allow time for complying with current state law.

“Humboldt County is home to

nine federally recognized Tribes and Rancherias and remain on their traditional homelands to this day,” said Wood. “These sovereign nations, and others throughout California, have their own specific beliefs, traditional practices and ceremonies and the state must respect that by allowing adequate time to complete the required registration process.”

In 2021, Providence Humboldt County initiated a “Better Birthing Project” with local tribes to build relationships and increase trust between St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka and the Native communities it serves. A team of hospital staff and representatives from the Native communities conducted extensive interviews with Native parents to identify the challenges of and consider solutions to improve the birth experience.

“When life is brought into this world, it is a special time. Extending California’s timeline for registering new births from 10 days to 21 days allows Native American families to comply with state law and fulfill their sacred cultural naming traditions,” said Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland), the principal co-author of AB 2176. “I applaud Assemblymember Wood for introducing this measure which makes our state more respectful of the state’s First People.”

“The many Tribes and Rancherias contribute so much to the culture of our state, and I have learned a great deal about their traditions and benefitted from their wise council over the years, so this change in law this is a way to respect such an important event in their lives,” said Wood.

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SUB-OPTIMAL SCENARIOS Valley West's vehicle-optimized thoroughfares are loaded with legacy design issues, including features that punish pedestrians with awkward and dangerous situations. If you walk, there's no clear, safe route in or out of the north Arcata neighborhood. Upper left, the dangerous intersection at Giuntoli Lane, West End Road and State Route 299, full of opportunities for mishaps. Left, The Giuntoli Lane raceway. Above left, excessively broad, human-dwarfing Valley West Boulevard. Above right, vehicles crowding onto the Giuntoli Lane roundabout form a wall of moving steel. Top right, there's no sidewalk on overpass over State Route 299, just a bike lane in the roadway designated by a painted line. Right, trashed bus stops are unpleasant to wait in, deterring use of public transportation. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Valley West's troubled transportation situation needs attention

Note: For this week's column I invited Colin Fiske, the executive director of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP), to cover transportation issues within Valley West. This local nonprofit organization works to make transportation systems safer, more sustainable, and more equitable on the North Coast. — Lucy Salazar

There are a variety of official and unofficial definitions of the borders of Valley West. But if you ask most Arcata residents, they'd probably give you a definition based on the most obvious and imposing features of the built environment: Valley West is the area cut off from the rest of Arcata by U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 299. These two freeways present significant barriers to leaving and entering Valley West by any means other than a private automobile. (While bikes are technically allowed on the highways, actually riding on them is a dangerous and scary prospect.)

Internal circulation in the neighborhood is dominated by the Giuntoli Lane-Valley West Boulevard-Valley East Boulevard loop, consisting of wide roadways that encourage high vehicular speeds and have few safe pedestrian crossings. Valley West Boulevard is Arcata's Motel Row, and large semitrucks are often parked there overnight, sometimes blocking views for pedestrians and cars trying to cross the roadway.

Giuntoli Lane is the only local road in and out of the neighborhood, and using it still requires navigating high-speed exit and entrance ramps serving the freeways. Giuntoli Lane is also one of the few roadways in Arcata that has a 35 mph speed limit, which is especially dangerous for anyone trying to cross the street, both in a car exiting the Courtyard Apartments or Town & Country Mobile Home Park or even if you are using the blinking crosswalk. (Note: The calculated stopping distance for a car travelling 35 mph is 250 feet, com-

pared to 150 feet at 25 mph.)

On either end of Giuntoli Lane, there are only two ways into the rest of town — Janes Road to the west and West End Road to the east. Both are relatively high-speed roads lacking complete bike and pedestrian facilities. The roundabouts on the west end of Giuntoli Lane present dangerous options, especially for children who might be walking to or from Pacific Union School. To access West End Road as a pedestrian is also extremely dangerous because there isn't even a sidewalk for protection to cross over SR 299.

People who live in Valley West have the right to be safe when they choose to use healthy, low-carbon modes of transportation like walking and biking. More urgently, many people in Valley West rely on these modes of transportation because they have no other choice. For example, plenty of children who are too young to drive, live in the neighborhood.

And according to the latest available census data, about 7 percent of households in the census tract including Valley West have no access to a vehicle at all, while 41 percent of households have access to only one vehicle (meaning some members of the household are likely without a vehicle at least some of the time). It is important to note that this is almost certainly an underestimate of households with limited vehicle availability in Valley West, because that census tract also includes the higher-income neighborhoods around California Avenue and Diamond Drive.

In 2018, a team led by the UC Berkeley Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) conducted a pedestrian and bicycle safety study in Valley West. Observations done along frequently used paths in Valley West indicated poor or

missing sidewalks, lack of signage, difficult marked and unmarked crossings, challenging roundabouts, inadequate street lighting and other related issues. Pedestrian visibility, proper signage, and path connectivity are key factors among these problems.

Planning for improved intersection crossings and street lighting should be priority projects. The community expressed interest in educational programs for bicycling and neighborhood speed watch. Cal Walks and SafeTREC also recommended the City of Arcata explore the feasibility of expanding the existing Bikeshare system to the Valley West Neighborhood.

A lot more than their recommendations will be needed to make this a really walkable and bikeable area, but unfortunately even these minor changes have not yet been implemented.

There are other challenges, too. Many Valley West residents live in apartments without access to adequate bike storage facilities. Bikes rust and parts break more frequently when exposed to the elements, and bike theft is a continuing problem. Fixing or replacing a bike is beyond the means of many low-income households, especially when bikes break or are stolen repeatedly. There is a real and pressing need for secure, weather-protected bike storage in Valley West.

The other way many people in Valley West get to and from their homes is by public transit. The neighborhood is served by both the Arcata & Mad River Transit System (AMRTS) and the regional Redwood Transit System. But buses for both systems come relatively infrequently — once an hour or less during most of the day. AMRTS bus routes are also reduced during the summer when there is a reduction in the ridership of Cal Poly Humboldt students.

Additionally, participants in the SafeTREC study identified the need for safer, more comfortable bus stops with benches, lighting and more routine maintenance. Solar lights are on order through the city and will be installed at covered bus stops throughout Arcata. This will be a tremendous improvement, especially for the dark bus stops on Giuntoli Lane.

The lack of trash cans at Arcata bus stops is another ongoing debate, even though they have been often requested by residents, and there are many examples of well-functioning trash cans at all covered bus stops in Eureka and McKinleyville. If bus stops are continuously filled with trash, that will be a significant deterrent to folks feeling comfortable while waiting for the bus.

One additional safety issue on the west side of the official Valley West neighborhood (i.e., west of Highway 101) is the 35 mph speed limit on Janes Road in front of the Lazy J Mobile Home Park. This 35 mph section is less than a quarter of a mile long. Southbound it quickly runs into a reduced speed for a school zone, and northbound it runs into a blind curve before you get to the 20 mph roundabout on Giuntoli Lane.

Considering the traffic coming out of the senior Mobile Home Park, the need to cross Janes Road to get to and from the bus stop, and the RVs typically turning north out of the Mad River RV Park to get on the freeway, this higher speed limit creates another dangerous driving or walking situation that needs to be reevaluated.

Arcata is a small town, and Valley West is only about a mile and a half from Cal Poly Humboldt and two miles from the Plaza. But actually accessing the jobs, educational institutions, shops and services in the rest of town can be difficult for Valley West residents — particularly those who do not have reliable access to a personal vehicle.

Substantial improvements to the bike, pedestrian and transit systems serving Valley West are needed. A complementary strategy of investing in greater job

creation, services and retail in the Valley West neighborhood itself would also improve the transportation outlook for local residents by shortening the distances they have to travel.

The CRTP published a report in 2020 called *Elephants in the Road* that called for major changes to streets and roads in Humboldt County, including reallocating paved space away from automobiles and toward people walking, biking and riding the bus, and addressing historic inequities in the transportation system. Many of the recommendations in that report align with the transportation needs in Valley West.

Taking a step in that direction, the Arcata City Council is expected to soon consider adopting an official Complete Streets Policy. This policy would require the City to include bike, pedestrian and transit upgrades whenever it repaves, re-stripes or does any other kind of construction on city streets — or else publicly justify why not.

The policy has been discussed several times already at the city's Transportation Safety Committee, and advocates are pushing to include equity language requiring improvements to focus particularly on historically disadvantaged neighborhoods like Valley West. This could be a major opportunity to incorporate long-needed safety improvements into routine maintenance work in Valley West and throughout the city.

In another major piece of good news, the City of Arcata will soon be constructing the western segment of the Annie & Mary Trail, providing a convenient and safe link for people to walk, bike and roll between Valley West, the University, and downtown Arcata, as well as to recreational opportunities at the pump station park.

Eventually, this trail will connect all the way to Blue Lake. This is a great first step. Hopefully it will be the beginning of even greater investment in safe and sustainable transportation infrastructure in and around Valley West.

Help Valley West spend its money via Participatory Budgeting

Kimberley White
VALLEY WEST

VALLEY WEST — Valley West-ers, how would you like to help decide how to spend \$15,000 allocated for beautification and community connectivity for Valley West and north Arcata?

Residents who live in Valley West and north Arcata can participate in the Participatory Budgeting Process by sharing your ideas of what you want for beautification and community connectivity in our neighborhood by calling or texting your ideas to (707) 633-3867 or email at: cuna@cooperationhumboldt.com.

We will then be taking your ideas and making proposals for the Valley West and north Arcata community to vote on. These proposals will then go to the Arcata City Council for the final decision on the \$15,000 allocated for beautification and community connectivity.

We will have an in person Voting Event: Thursday, March 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Red Roof Inn, 4975 Valley West Blvd. Voting will also be possible online or email at: cuna@cooperationhumboldt.com as well as calling (707) 633-3867. Let your voices be heard!

Participatory Budgeting is designed to have residents at the center, and we are also inviting organizational groups and community advocates to observe and be part of the process. We believe that when people see the benefits of the Participatory Budgeting Process more communities and neighborhoods will be inspired to replicate this process.

For more information, contact: Morgan March, woh.morgan@gmail.com, (707) 702-3725; Kimberley White, kaw2@humboldt.edu, (707) 633-3867; or email: cuna@cooperationhumboldt.com.

Valley West Clean the Sidewalk Day

CITY OF ARCATA

VALLEY WEST — The City of Arcata's next Clean the Sidewalk Day in the Valley West neighborhood is taking place on Sunday, March 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to attend, and work will include picking up non-hazardous items left behind in the neighborhood's public spaces.

Those who wish to participate are asked to meet at the entrance of Valley West Park, located on Hallen Drive, at 9 a.m. There will be a check-in table in place for volunteers to receive instructions and supplies upon arrival.

Trash pickers, safety vests, gloves and buckets will be provided, and community members who have their own clean up supplies are encouraged to bring them. Participants should bring their own water, a face covering, and dress for the weather. Volunteers will also be expected to sign a volunteer agreement and a COVID-19 liability waiver.

Valley West Clean the Sidewalk Days take place the first Sunday of each month. For more information, please visit cityofarcata.org or email gmartin@cityofarcata.org.

Dia de limpieza de aceras de Valley West

CITY OF ARCATA

VALLEY WEST — El próximo Día de Limpieza de Aceras de la Ciudad de Arcata en el barrio de Valley West tendrá lugar el domingo 6 de marzo de 9 a 11 de la mañana. Se invita a voluntarios de todas las edades a asistir. El trabajo incluirá la recogida de objetos no peligrosos abandonados en los espacios públicos del barrio.

Se ruega a quienes deseen participar que se reúnan en la entrada del Parque Valley West, situado en Hallen Drive, a las 9 de la mañana. Habrá una mesa de registro para que los voluntarios reciban instrucciones y suministros a su llegada.

Se proporcionarán recogedores de basura, chalecos de seguridad, guantes y cubos, y se anima a los miembros de la comunidad que tengan su propio material de limpieza a que lo traigan. Los participantes deberán traer su propia agua, cubrimiento facial, y vestirse acorde con el clima. Los voluntarios también deberán firmar un acuerdo de voluntariado y una exención de responsabilidad de COVID-19.

Los Días de Limpieza de Aceras de Valley West tienen lugar el primer domingo de cada mes. Para más información, por favor visite cityofarcata.org o mande un correo electrónico a gmartin@cityofarcata.org.

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Chamber Auction Fundraiser is online

ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ARCATA – Bidding for the Arcata Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Business Leadership Awards Online Auction & Annual Fundraiser opened Monday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. and closes Friday, March 11 at 8 p.m. Participate at 32auctions.com/ArcataChamberAwards22.

The Arcata Chamber of Commerce is a diverse, nonpolitical member organization serving the Arcata, Humboldt area, working as a catalyst to support business entrepreneurship, collaboration and innovation while promoting a strong sense of community.

This silent auction is a major part of the Arcata Chamber's largest fundraiser of the year. Help us reach our fundraising goals so we can continue to support local,

small businesses, community initiatives, and creative community collaborations, all of which benefit our local economy and business community. The Arcata Chamber represents collaboration and networking throughout the community making it possible for businesses to connect across industries and learn and thrive together.

The outpouring of generosity from Arcata Chamber members and non-members alike gives us heartfelt gratitude for the togetherness created in these times, the epitome of community strength.

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Cal Poly Humb hosts mixer

ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EUREKA – Arcata Chamber First Thursday Mixer hosted by Cal Poly Humboldt takes place Thursday, March 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and takes place in person and off campus at the university's Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka.

We are excited to hear from, and celebrate the newly named California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt (Cal Poly Humboldt, formerly

Humboldt State University).

Mixer attendees can enjoy mingling and networking, food and drink, announcements, activities and more.

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Juan Pablo Cervantes on June ballot for office of the Clerk, Recorder & Registrar of Voters

JUAN PABLO CERVANTES CAMPAIGN HUMBOLDT — On Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, Elections Specialist Juan Pablo Cervantes filed his declaration of candidacy for Humboldt County’s Clerk, Recorder & Registrar of Voters. This position will be on the ballot in the upcoming direct primary election on June 7, 2022. Incumbent Kelly E. Sanders is not seeking re-election.

“Kelly has done an amazing job over the last eight years, and it’s been a privilege to work alongside her during the last three elections. She’s made our voting and recording processes more accessible, and I plan to build upon that work if elected.” Juan Pablo said. “The needs of Humboldt County residents are diverse; shaped by residents’ geography, livelihoods, ethnicity, race, and cultural heritage. Our local government needs to meet people where they are at in order to best serve those diverse needs, and that’s one of my priorities.”

Juan has embodied a life-long commitment to fair and functional demo-



CANDIDATE Juan Pablo Cervantes. SUBMITTED PHOTO

cratic processes. Prior to joining Humboldt’s Office of Elections, Juan spent 20 years working as a poll worker in rural Northern California. He is also an experienced advocate of accountable and transparent local government. Juan has partnered with Access Humboldt to provide training to District Boards to increase public access to their services, serves as a Union Steward for AFSCME, completed a major overhaul of the Elections Office voter information

and candidate guides to make them easier to understand, among a variety of other efforts.

Over the past several years in the Elections Office, Juan played a key role in expanding voter security and combating elections misinformation in Humboldt County. “I’ve developed chain-of-custody protocols for our voting systems, broadcasted the accuracy testing of our voting equipment on livestream and TV, and I continue to serve as Humboldt County’s liaison to the Election Transparency Project,” says Juan. “I’m excited to build upon our community partnerships and look forward to leveraging my experience to provide Humboldt County with increased transparency, efficiency, and accessibility when it comes to records management and elections administration.”

To learn more about Juan Pablo’s platform and qualifications, or to support Juan for office, please visit [vote4juanpablo.com](https://www.vote4juanpablo.com).

Madrone kicks off re-election campaign

STEVE MADRONE CAMPAIGN MCKINLEYVILLE — More than 70 people gathered in the extremely chilly weather for Supervisor Steve Madrone’s re-election campaign kick-off in McKinleyville’s Pierson Park last Thursday evening.

The program began with a blessing from Yurok Tribe member Laura Wood.

Former Humboldt County Supervisor, California State Senator and new McKinleyville resident, Wesley Chesbro moderated the program and explained why he supports Madrone’s re-election. “Looking at the big picture, one candidate in this race, Steve Madrone, supports creation of the Great Redwood Trail; the other supports a coal train. One candidate, Steve Madrone, supports well-planned communities, the other favors unfettered and reckless sprawl that stretches our public resources and funds while decreasing public safety,” said Chesbro. (He added, “By the way, the only coal train I support is John Coltraine.”)

Congressman Jared Huffman and State Senator Mike addressed the crowd via video. “Humboldt County needs Steve Ma-



MCKINLEYVILLE’S PIERSON PARK saw the candidate speak, above. Right, supporter Wes Chesbro with Yurok tribe member Laura Wood as she gives a blessing. SUBMITTED PHOTOS




drone’s leadership on water, fisheries, and so many other critical issues. He’s a thoughtful and effective Supervisor and I’m proud to endorse him for reelection,” said Huffman.

“I have come to really appreciate Supervisor Madrone’s balanced leadership and problem-solving approach, and strongly support his re-election,” said McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee Member Lisa Dugan, Yurok Elder Allie Lindgren read a poem that she


had written specifically for the kick-off, titled “Why it is NOT time for a change in the 5th District.” Madrone’s 2018 campaign slogan was “it’s time for a change.” “The City of Trinidad is fortunate to have Mr. Madrone as the Supervisor for District 5. Steve is thought-

ful in his decisions regarding residents in the Trinidad/Westhaven area and is a willing partner in our needs where they intersect with the County. His experience and his interest in learning his constituents’ perspectives make him the right choice for 5th District Supervisor” said Trinidad Mayor Steve Ladwig. “I’m running for re-election because there is still so much to do to create a safe, healthy, vibrant community that will benefit all of us,” said Supervisor Madrone.



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All interested Indian Community Members may request a Declaration of Candidacy packet at www.uihs.org, at any UIHS Clinic, or by calling 707.825.4136 or 707.825.5063. The Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted **no later than April 9, 2022** to: UIHS Election Committee, P.O. Box 4238, Arcata, CA 95518.

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I was happy when the pulp mill closed. I assumed that now people understood how rare and precious the North Spit is. The North Spit is a recreational treasure – but not if we allow polluting factories to re-assume dominance.

Nordicfarms Aquaculture is a multinational corporation and a subsidiary of California Marine Investments (that’s where the profits go). They want to do some indoor growing – about 27,000 tons of fish a year worth. This facility would be the largest such plant in the world, and as such, experimental.

To do this, they’ll need some electricity – enough to equal all the power used by Eureka and Fortuna combined – 20 percent of the county’s energy load. They’ve got to keep those noisy pumps running 24-7 for more than 30 years (their solar will take care of 3 percent).

Fish like clean water. These will need 12 1/2 million gallons a day. Ten million will come from the bay and two and a half million from the Mad River and local wells. The industrial intake pipe from the bay will be 3 feet in diameter. We’ll guarantee Aquafarms can take that much clean water everyday for more than 30 years.

What comes out the other end everyday? Twelve-and-one-half millions gallons of dirty water! That’s four times as much as handled by Eureka and all the city waste treatment plants combined. Even after treatment, several hundred tons of nitrogen compounds will be piped into the ocean each year – along with bodily by-products carrying pathogens, industrial cleansers and antibiotic residue.

And what happens when we get earthquakes and tsunami inundation? Earthquakes break pipes. Stored underground will be 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel to be used for backup power.

Should we sell off so much of our clean air and clean water for more than 30 years? In this day and age?

**Pamela Markovich
Arcatah**

❖ LETTERS

Watch Auditor-Controller’s ‘direct action’ live on TV

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Press Release – Auditor-Controller to Report Status of Financial Reporting and Transaction Processing at 3/1/22 Board Meeting

Dear Taxpayers of Humboldt County,

The role of an elected official is easy to understand: to fulfill the duties they have been assigned in a manner which serves the best interests of the public. In the case of the Elected Auditor-Controller, the successful fulfillment of those duties is not up to the Auditor-Controller alone but relies on the good governance of the collective Board of Supervisors, the just administration of the County Administrative Office, the wise judgment of its County Counsel, and the responsible performance of County Department Heads.

More importantly, it relies on all of these bodies working together toward a clear and shared goal of serving the best interests of the public it governs.

When a County does not have a clear and shared goal that is agreed upon by its Board of Supervisors and leadership body (and when the fear of responsibility and accountability is made legitimate by irresponsible reporting and sensationalism), confusion and dysfunction can quickly devolve into power struggles, political hits, and scapegoating of responsibility – all at the expense of taxpayers.

When the conflict involves the management of public funds and the reporting of that management, the attacks can become

personal, coordinated, and reckless – again, all at the expense of taxpayers.

The County of Humboldt, as an organization, has not completed timely or accurately, several of its various centralized and decentralized financial reports. The long-term decentralization of financial and accounting operations has resulted in decades-long patterns of misfilings, misinformation, and misreporting which have throughout the years resulted in penalties, returned funding, and have paved the way for confirmed cases of errors and fraud. The inter-personal relationships of County officials have yielded both great, innovative ideas that have benefited the County and they have also led to inhumane conditions for County employees and coverups under the guise of confidentiality.

Today, the buck stops here. The County of Humboldt, as a government organization, is not okay. The now decades-long power struggles, unethical exploitation of “friendships,” in-fighting, and scapegoating are coming to a head and action must be taken. It has become painfully clear to me that “working within the system” and shielded from the public’s view will not yield the desired results of transparency, accountability, or integrity. The County’s failure to take seriously the function and authority of its Elected Office of the Auditor-Controller is now raising the stakes for me to take direct action.

A letter from the State Attorney General has been delivered to the County addressed to me demanding that action be taken. It is no longer prudent for me to wait for the results of nonexistent investigations or publicly-announced audit reports that have yet to be issued to convince this County to respect the authority of the public that elected an independent Auditor-Controller or to inform the public of what is happening in its county government.

And while this County has grown accustomed to being sued or threatened by State Agencies for the actions (or lack of action)

by its County Departments, I will not be as complacent.

The only way out of this long-term dysfunction is to responsibly inform the public of the inadequate financial operations of the County and take ownership and responsibility for the active efforts toward resolution. In the absence of leadership, one must become the leader.

On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the regularly-scheduled 9am meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I will be presenting a report of my findings on the financial transactions, operations, and reporting practices of the County of Humboldt from my perspective as its Chief Accounting Officer and independently-elected Auditor-Controller. I will also be discussing with the Board the status of the County’s audits. The meeting will be in person, live-streamed, and recorded. Please attend.

I write this to you today as a humbled public servant free from undue influence with no request of you other than to participate in Tuesday’s board meeting. Should you believe that the dysfunction of which I speak is new and/or unheard of in this County’s past, I invite you to read this 1997 *North Coast Journal* article titled “The New Majority” which can be found online at this link: northcoastjournal.com/may97/5-97.cvrstry.html.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Your Auditor-Controller,
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Sims, Hutson win Humboldt Journalism Project awards

HUMBOLDT JOURNALISM PROJECT
HUMBOLDT – Hank Sims of the *Lost Coast Outpost* and Ryan Hutson of the *Redheaded Blackbelt* are the first two winners of the Humboldt Journalism Project’s 40th Award, the project announced Wednesday.

Sims won first place for his coverage of local political redistricting, headlined “The County’s Redistricting Process Has Been a Shambles, and the Maps it is Now Considering are Both Measurably Worse than the Status Quo.”

Sims’ article and his follow up coverage examined flaws in the process, including how some voters could lose their voice by being lumped together inappropriately. Amid increasing scrutiny by the *Lost Coast Outpost* and other media outlets, the county ultimately abandoned the draft maps and kept the original districts almost unchanged. Judges praised Sims’ “dogged determination” and his ability to explain the topic’s importance.

Hutson won an honorable mention for her three-part series on troubles at St. Joseph Hospital as it struggled with staff shortages amid the summer surge in COVID-19 patients.

The judges lauded Hutson’s “deep passion reporting” documenting conditions at the hospital.

The contest was judged by Dale Maharidge, a Pulitzer Prize winning author and journalist who for many years lived part time in Petrolia, and Ricardo Sandoval-Palos, public editor at PBS and a graduate of Humboldt State University, before its polytechnic name change.

Sandoval-Palos also sits on the advisory panel of the Humboldt Journalism Project, a nonprofit that supports local journalism relevant to those who are sometimes left behind economically. It is a DreamMaker Project of The Ink People.

This was the first year of its 40th Award, so named because it recognizes work that affects people in the lower 40 percent of the income scale. The Humboldt Journalism Project also gives reporting grants, and it has grant money available now for freelance journalists in broadcast, print and online.

To qualify, journalists must find an editor who agrees to publish their piece, and then they can apply for grant funding to report it. For more details, email journalism@inkpeople.org.

In their more detailed remarks on the award recipients, Maharidge and Sandoval-Palos wrote: “Local redistricting is a story that many news outlets ignore. Back in the day an editor would have said “can you keep it to 12 inches?” (Very short, some 600 words.)

These days understaffed newsrooms don’t have the person-power even if editors are willing to dig into this vital aspect of democracy. Hank Sims approached the story with dogged determination and showed the importance of this process. At first look it might not appear to be relevant to those in the lower 40 percent of the income scale, but it most certainly is. If economically stressed communities are broken up into different districts, it means they don’t have a voice. For example, Sims notes that in Humboldt County, home to the two largest native American tribes in California, that population was not identified by the makers of the draft redistricting maps. It was great that he had a journalistic seat at the table with this story.”

Of Hutson, Sandoval-Palos and Maharidge wrote: “In the midst of an event of historic and global proportion – the COVID-19 pandemic – Hutson brought the story home to one hospital in Humboldt County. Reporting on hospitals is difficult, but Hutson broke through in her work on documenting conditions at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

When administrators would not allow access, Hutson gained the trust of nurses and others to get the story about staffing shortages, as well as shortcomings in safety protocols.

The story reflects deep reporting passion on the part of Hutson, and it provided a valuable insight into a hospital relied upon by many in the lower income bracket in Humboldt County.”

The 40th Award contest will be held again this year, and the deadline to enter work done in 2022 will be Jan. 31, 2023.

More details are on the Humboldt Journalism Project’s Ink People page, at inkpeople.org/dreammaker-data/r13elwey9g-5smiq6ostw3qt3odoazc

As with this year’s contest, first place carries a prize of \$1,500 and the honorable mention comes with \$500. Both prizes are awarded to the individual journalist or journalists, not the outlets for whom they report.

Shigella’s here, and you don’t want it

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DHHS

HUMBOLDT – Public and Environmental Health officials are working to contain local cases of the gastrointestinal illness Shigella bacteria, after three lab-confirmed cases and two more suspected cases infected Eureka residents during the past month.

The cases span multiple households, infecting school-age children and adults, including a person experiencing homelessness. Officials believe the virus may have been spread through one or more Eureka laundromats, after an infected person washed contaminated clothing at the facility.

Environmental Health officials are working closely with the operators of the two laundromats, the Self-Serve Laundromat on Summer Street and Eureka Laundromat on Little Fairfield Street, to make sure their facilities are cleaned and disinfected properly.

Shigella germs are found in stool, and infection is spread by eating food or drinking liquids contaminated by an infected person, or when a person touches a contaminated surface or object and then touches their mouth or puts the object into their mouth. People infected with shigellosis typically experience a fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea which may be bloody.

Onset of shigellosis symptoms usually occurs one to two days after exposure – but may take longer – and lasts around a week. Infected people can remain contagious up to six weeks after symptoms resolve. Most people with shigellosis recover completely without severe complications. In rare cases Shigella may cause bloodstream infections, seizures, kidney failure or arthritis.

The best way to prevent the spread of shigellosis is to wash hands before, during and after preparing food, before eating, before and after caring for someone who is sick, after using the toilet, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, after touching garbage, after changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet, after touching an animal, animal feed or animal waste, and after handling pet food or pet treats.

People with shigellosis should stay home from school or from health care, food service or childcare jobs while sick, abstain from sharing food, abstain from swimming and hot tubs, abstain from having sex for at least two weeks after symptoms resolve.

If you are experiencing symptoms, contact your primary care provider or call Public Health at (707) 445-6200.

Gateway | Possible unanticipated consequences

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Loya made a plea for the plan by citing the desperate and unmet need for affordable housing, which had left a professional colleague homeless.

“It’s the people that are teaching our kids,” Loya said. “It’s the cops who are patrolling our streets. It’s the nurses that are taking care of us, the county workers, the city workers. It is our community that we need this plan for.”

In the current “white hot” housing market, he said, homes are selling immediately, for cash and above their listed price.

He suggested that as an exercise, homeowners look at their house’s current value, figure out what the 5 percent down payment would be and see if they could afford to live where they do. Even those who purchased a home five or 10 years ago, he said, might not be able to do so now.

He said the plan’s “theoretical maximum” won’t be built out anytime soon, or even within its 20-year planning period, but that it is designed to help expedite creation of housing for all members of the community.

As for developers capable of building the in Gateway Area, a range of building types ex-

ist that could be created. “Not everyone is going to have the capacity to build an 8-story building but every developer in this community has capacity to build a 4-story, or 3-story,” Loya said. “There’s no developer who doesn’t have the technology, the skills, the ability, the know-how to build a 3-story building. So it’s not going to become a monolithic, one-size-fits-all development all owned by one person.”

Commissioner Judith Mayer said she was excited about the plan’s affordable and diverse housing, as well as its streamlined process and the car-reduction goals, which she said is dependent on creation of a “robust” public transportation system. She also wanted more CPH involvement, both as a city partner and with its own developments in the area.

She called the GAP vision “sound,” but that CPH must be responsive and open with its planning. But, she said, until zoning codes and design standards are refined, it’s hard to realistically evaluate the plan.

Mayer also said the GAP’s recommended housing densities will over-burden the city’s wastewater treatment facilities before they can be upgraded. “I am concerned about the timing for all of this,” she said.

She was also concerned that with rewards for density, developers might create “an 8-floor luxury penthouse being considered a benefit to the community because it blocks our views.”

Another concern, she said, is ministerial approval for projects that could include unanticipated and undesirable features.



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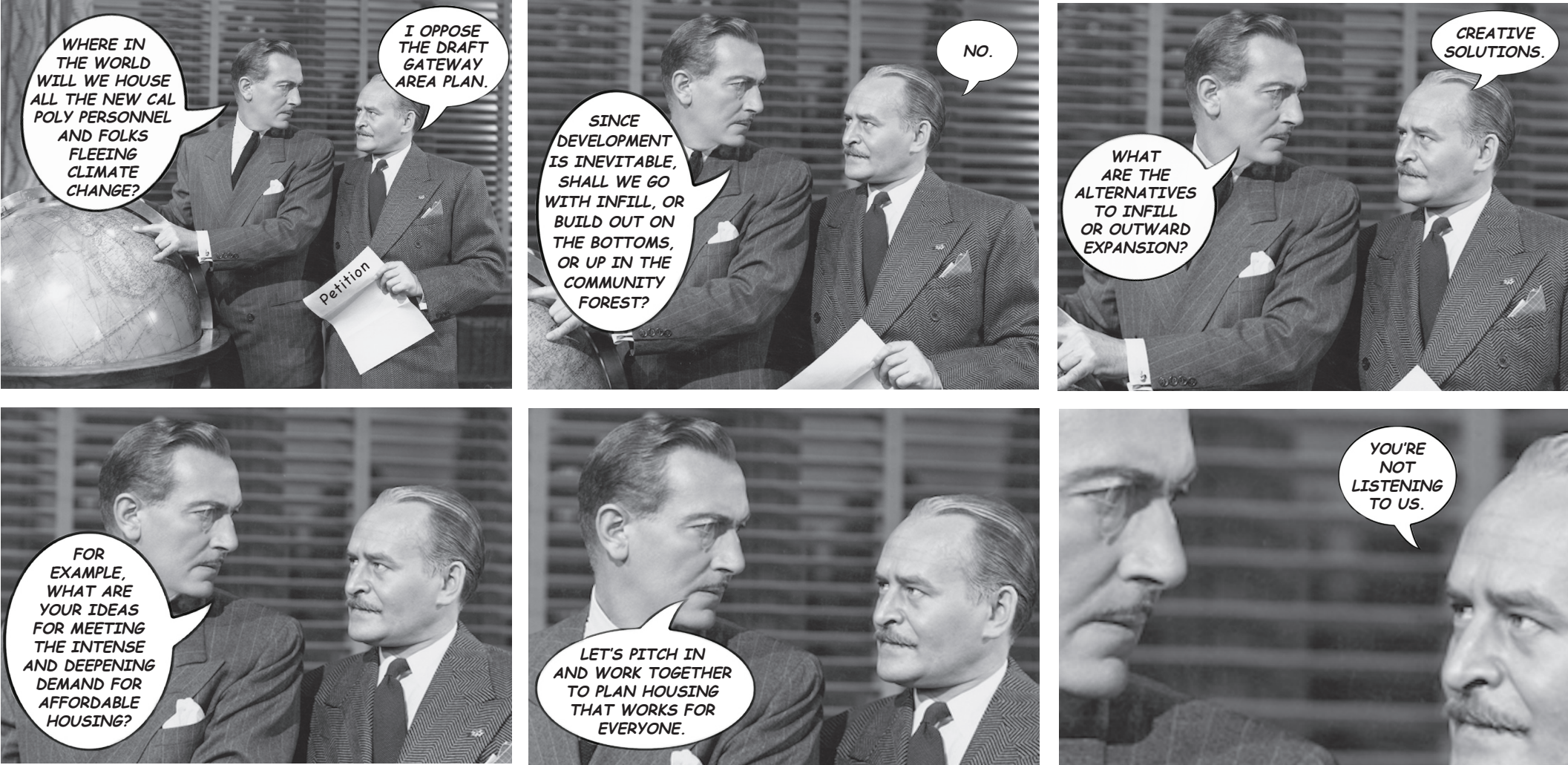
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This week's episode: "I support infill, BUT..."



NEWS ITEM: Gateway Area Plan debate follows Arcata's classic slogans-over-seriousness playbook.

Creamery Row – a meh mishmash of missed opportunities

I ran into Dave Hooven when I went out to talk to the two young workers prepping my driveway for paving. Hard-working fellows, both of them competent, good-natured, and even though we were political opposites, they listened to my ancient carpentry stories attentively with the fascination they deserved: total absorption. Ha! They knew who was in charge around here. I mean, it wasn't me but Dave, their boss, standing there next to his pickup when I came around the corner, looking up at me with the blue eyes of a little boy, not the glare of a CEO.

"Aren't you the guy who used to do my backhoe work decades ago?" I asked. "How's your dad?"

"Yep, that was me. I was 18 then, a worker just like Bud and Pete here. I was telling them just now not to take the owner of this project too seriously, but to be careful because he was a fussy sob when he used to actually work." His grin said he meant me. "My dad's doing great."

One thing led to another, and when I asked Dave, who had taken over the excavation business from his father, my peer, Art Hooven, if he ever saw Rob Flint, who used to work for me, he answered, "Every day." It turned out they were co-contractors on the AHS field then under construction and he mentioned Rob was building a house down on 13th Street that Hooven & Co had done the site work for.

That's how I found my friend and former worker Rob again. He was standing in the middle of a gigantic two-story house in the framing stage that he was building for himself. He wore his old sagging tool belt, and was presently cutting the stringers of the interior stairs. He stood there alone. Not a co-worker in sight.

"I get tired of being around carpenters and sub-contractors all day," said Rob, whose day job was supervisor for a large construction company, namely the one that had built the project across the street.

I looked out through the grid of two-by-fours of Rob's exterior wall, and a little further on through a screen of the chain link fence mounted at the edge of his property to find the north side of Creamery Row staring down at me, my view of the elevation

complete except that it was being obstructed at the moment by a sizable plumber's crack presenting itself at the fender of an old pickup parked at the curb in front of one of the units, the clear demarcation of which no amount of innocence of a sagging belt line could account for in this particular neighborhood.

It was my first encounter of Creamery Row and it was not a good one and the more I learned about it the less its most prominent features did to improve that first impression.

But let's start at the beginning.

Creamery Row Creamery Row, a subsidized-income residential development, contains about the same number of units as Sandpiper Park, 18. The development sits on over an acre of land (the two single-story houses on the O Street side are not part of the new development... but that's another story.) As a whole, the Creamery Row development occupies practically an entire block. On the east side, however, it's not a paved street but a creek and railroad right-of-way, a detail which is significant.

Typically, a residential block would contain back to back single-family residences, in this case one facing 12th street, the other



RANDOM FLAPLAND Spectacularly nominal housing. KLH | UNION

facing 13th street, with adjoining back yards. What the developer did was put a row of small units facing both 12th and 13th streets and fill what would have been the backyard areas of the single family houses with a double row of units facing each other across a narrow "street," each of these rows backing up to its brother row of units facing the other way (the 12th and 13th street elevations.) Just in case you wondered why the word "row" appears prominently in the name, here's one clue.

The designs of the two-story part of the complex are identical, though they vary somewhat from row to row. On the 12th



ROW ROW ROW YOUR HOME Creamery Row. VIA CITY OF ARCATA GIS

street side that faces south, the first elevation you come to on O Street, there is a split level effect with the upper story projecting over a cavity below containing the entry and allowing enough depth for one-half of one small car, the other half needing to stick out over the sidewalk. This façade has a cross-gable effect in the roof and a small shed extension has been placed on the first floor that hangs down like some

sides of this block contain a row of identical two-story units facing each other with the variation from the 12th Street version that the front-facing gable is missing. Otherwise it's one unit beside the other with paint color the only distinguishing variation and the same feature of cars in driveways sticking into the sidewalks.

The visitor to this section of the complex faces the narrow alley-like street with residences on both sides and no exit at the other end due to the creek. How does one turn around? Where's the cul-de-sac? Did the developer leave out that small detail? Evidently, since it looks like one must back into the driveway of the last unit on the block in order to turn around. Rather perplexing dilemma, so let's move on.

'Death Row'

Across the street from Rob's house, the north-facing side of the 13th street façade of Creamery Row (aptnly named, it seems, as this development appears to be the "death row" of any recognizable Creamery-inspired design) evinces a return to the cross gable look of the 12th Street row except a longer porch-like flap has been added as if extending the length of this feature gives it a greater reason to exist at all. Otherwise the elevations are identical, with the color of each unit being its only distinguishing feature.

But here we must give the developer some credit, for he created 18 habitable residences for low-income families in Arcata,

U.S.A. Sandpiper Park created 16 tiny houses plus three apartments for single or married folks in the same city about the same time... both responding to the pressure to create housing for the priced-out category of Americans today.

Criterion for comparison

It may be fruitful to compare the two projects using the design categories from a previous article.

• **Criterion No. 1, Light:** Sandpiper Park's one-story building design allows the maximum amount of light to reach all areas of the development. Creamery Row cancels the light for every north-facing unit (half of them) on its property.

Winner: Sandpiper Park

• **Criterion No 2, Site development:** Sandpaper Park takes .6 of an acre in a neglected neighborhood of Arcata and situates 17 buildings to maximize the use of space and create an orderly and attractive complex. Creamery Row uses twice as much space in a prominent neighborhood of Arcata to plop down a poorly designed crowded apartment complex that offers little more than maximum use of space for the maximum number of people.

Winner: Sandpiper Park.

• **Criterion No. 3, Quality of life:** Sandpaper park provides a neglected group of low-income residents with an attractive and well-maintained place to live. Creamery Row also provides a group of low-income residents who need more space than a tiny house to carry on from day to day and maintain their families in respectable housing in a respectable neighborhood (the one tenant I interviewed said that "it was a good place to live and the residents here are happy." She had been there six years, since it first opened.)

Winner: Neither one, a draw.

Rob takes issue with the above judgment as he believes, "The Creamery Row development offers solidly built units for families who can afford them. They are different demographic than the one Sandpiper Park serves — so, it may be that you (meaning me) are comparing apples to oranges."

• **Criterion No. 4 Replication:** The winner of this category does not need further discussion, for it appears that the developer of Creamery Row, Danco Builders, in this case at least, "hardly even tried" to deal with it gracefully.

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❖ THE FUTURE OF ARCATA Daniel Duncan

SCENE



DELL'ARTE'S INTERNATIONAL
BLUE LAKE – Inspired by the Medea myth and Euripides' great tragedy, and using the Japanese Butoh Dance, actor Yokko brings the tortured spirit of Medea to life in *Butoh Medea*, which runs Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake.

These popular performances are \$20 (\$15 with a student/senior discount), with reservations highly encouraged. To purchase tickets or get more information, please visit dellarte.com/product/butoh-medea-v2/, email info@dellarte.com or call and leave a message at (707) 668-5663.

This fusion of Eastern dance and Western drama invites the audience inside Medea's dark and desperate struggle. Trapped in the underworld, she is forever cursed to relive her tragic journey through love, hate, and ultimate loss.

Yokko (performer, choreographer, concept) is an actor and interdisciplinary artist from Japan. She has acted in, devised and choreographed a variety of local and international shows, having won several awards, including "Best One-Woman Show" for *Butoh Medea* (United Solo 2014 at Theatre Row).

Butoh Medea was selected to be performed in Warsaw, Poland (United Solo Europe 2015, Teatre Syrena), toured Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015 and was nominated for the Asian Arts Award. The show has been touring across the USA and several countries in Europe (Poland, Scotland, Italy, Turkey, Germany, Czech Republic).

Dell'Arte's audience policy requires a complete COVID-19 vaccination (boosters not required) by the date of attendance and you will have to wear a mask for access to the facility, theaters, and outdoor area. Dell'Arte recommends that audience members get a negative Covid-19 test prior to arrival and their booster if able, but it is not required.

Dell'Arte recognizes that public health guidelines may change in the coming months and ask for your patience as any required safety adjustments are made. All policies are subject to change at Dell'Arte's sole discretion and without notice.

❖ ARTS ALIVE! SoHum Girls perform Saturday

**MORRIS GRAVES
MUSEUM OF ART**
EUREKA – The SoHum Girls will entertain museum goers at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. on Saturday March 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. for Arts Alive!

The SoHum Girls consists of Julie Froblom, saxophone and flute; Marla Joy, bass; Chris Manspeaker, guitar; and Marcia Mendels-, vocals and keys, Bill Moehnke, drums and vocals; and Brigitte Terry, vocals and percussion.

Visitors can expect a spirited performance of original songs about life, love, Humboldt County, and the pursuit of happiness!

The SoHum Girls write across many genres, from funk to New Orleans second line, R&B to ballads, rock to blues to jazz. Everyone will find songs that make them smile and move!



SATURDAY NIGHT The SoHum Girls perform Saturday, March 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. During Arts Alive!

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Make sure to visit each of the galleries while you're in the museum Saturday night too! Lay eyes on our continuing exhibit, *ANALOG*, by Bernadette Vielbig, as well as our newly installed exhibits, The Youth Arts Festival, art from the youth of Humboldt County, and an exhibit by Cal Poly Humboldt's Bachelor of Fine Arts graduating class of 2022.

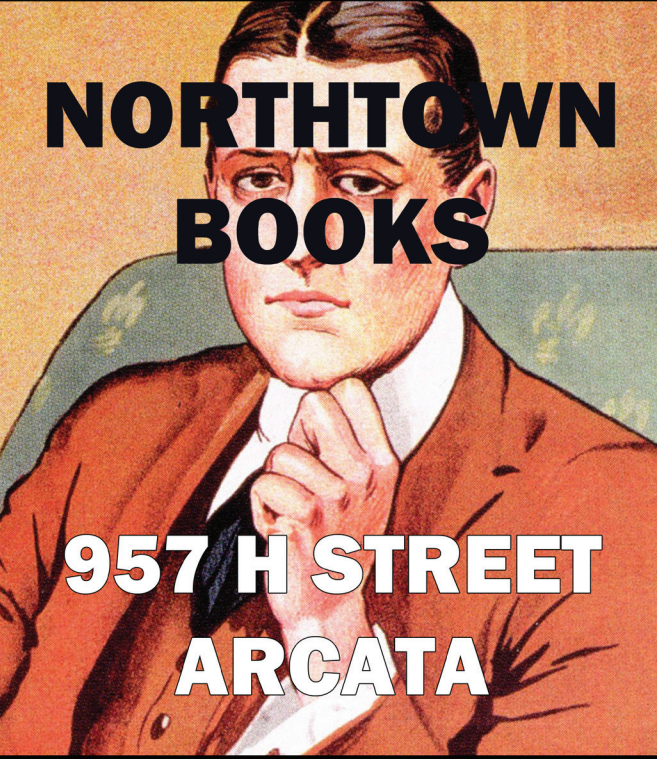
Exhibiting artist, Bernadette Vielbig, will perform a reading from her work at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is free.

To ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and visitors we ask that guests continue to wear masks inside of the Morris Graves Museum of Art.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH The American Association of University Women - Humboldt will be honoring local residents JoAnn Schuch and Kay Escarda, above, at its celebration of Women's History Month on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. They are being recognized for the contributions they have made to Humboldt County. JoAnn Schuch has been instrumental in changing the experience of aging in Humboldt County for the better and Kay Escarda is a tireless civic volunteer with wide-ranging contributions on housing, voting and educational issues. The Zoom presentation begins at 10 a.m., preceded by discussion among AAUW branch members at 9:30 a.m. Contact Rosemarie Weaver at roseweave52@gmail.com for the Zoom link. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ENGLISH CLASSES ON ZOOM Humboldt Literacy Project announces a new series of live, Zoom-based education and entertainment for people who are learning English as a second language, each Tuesday in March, at 10 a.m. Led by North Coast Music Together's Jose Quezada and Heather Shelton, and developed with Humboldt Literacy Project, each week's session will focus on a different topic for essential English usage, including going to the store, talking to the doctor, applying for a job, and using public transportation. Themes will be announced on HLP's Facebook page. The Zoom meeting ID number is 852 4145 5088.



March Flea-Art, book sale in Trinidad

The March Trinidad Flea-Art, organized by Penny Gunn, will be held on Saturday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall.

Food and beverages will be served by Casandra Kelly Catering beginning at 10 a.m. You can enjoy delicious specialty food made from scratch with fresh local ingredients as you shop for unique crafts and vintage antiques.

The Trinidad Lions Club will host a book sale with children's books, mysteries, westerns, romance, novels, non-fiction and more. Also visit the Hunny Creek Soap Company for beautiful custom handmade soaps and bath bombs. Also in the Civic Club Room you can check out the Memorial Lighthouse at the Harbor project display.

Lighthouse open Saturday
The regular first Saturday Trinidad Head Lighthouse opening will

take place on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to noon, courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management-California Coastal National Monument, the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum docents.

Pedestrian access only. Park below Trinidad Head and walk up the black top road for about one half mile. Gate will be open.

Tepona Point Plans
Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Director Michelle Kunst and Special Projects Manager Carol Vander Meer held Zoom and in person meetings last week to describe a project to add better access, native plants, parking, picnic tables, trail improvements and possibly a toilet to the Luffenholtz Beach parking area which leads to the stunningly beautiful Tepona Point overlook.

The project will be funded by a State Wildlife Board grant and possibly be completed in 2023. Erin Ponte of PLA is the landscape designer. She is recommending permeable pav-

ers for part of the project. The rare Wolf's Evening Primrose will be nurtured in the landscaping.

New councilmember
The City Council had a short agenda on February 22 via Zoom. Jack Tuttle was appointed to serve in the vacant place of Dr. Richard Clompus through December 2022.

Tuttle has worked in solar energy for 15 years in the Central Valley. He said that he had not run for office before but that he served on a non-profit solar energy board. He is interested in sustainable energy and water.

Tuttle resides on Underwood Street with his wife and two small children. He will be sworn in to office before March 1 by City Clerk Gabriel Adams and attend his first Council meeting on March 15.

Errata
Last week I gave incorrect open hours for Trinidad Library. Virginia Noble and Louise Ager invite readers to visit the library on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

SPRING EXHIBITION The Redwood Art Association 64th Spring Exhibition opens on March 16 and runs through April 15. Online entry day begins Friday, March 4 through March 11 at 8 p.m. Redwood Art Association membership is required. Artists should deliver their art to the Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St. Eureka on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon for online submitted forms and 1 to 3 p.m. for paper entry forms.

New members are welcome and may join on entry day, Saturday, March 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Exhibition forms and information about joining the association are available at redwoodart.us. Kelly Mudge Criswell will judge the exhibition. Criswell is an artist and creative director in Los Angeles. She graduated from Pratt Institute's Fine Arts Painting program in 2001, with a minor in communications design. Her work has been shown in galleries

across the country including Allen Shepard Fine Art, Tria, Leo Kesting, Heist and the Drawing Center. She's also the chief creative officer at the GRO Agency.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF Calling all future volunteers! Have you ever wondered what goes into planning the Walk to End Alzheimer's? Do you have creative ideas on how to improve the Walk in 2022? Whether you have one hour a month or 10, we have something that will fit your schedule. There are many ways to use your interests and skills to advance our mission. We also have a lot of fun! We invite you to join us via Zoom on Wednesday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. for our Volunteer Kickoff to learn about volunteering with the Alz-

heimer's Association and the opportunities available with the Humboldt County Walk Planning Committee. Sign up today at tinyurl.com/2022VolunteerKick-off.

MURAL ARTISTS WANTED The Eureka Street Art Festival (ESAF) is seeking mural artists to apply for the fifth annual event, taking place Aug. 1 to Aug. 6, 2022. More information and the application can be found at eurekastreetartfestival.com. Applications are due March 31, 2022. Artists will be chosen by the organizing committee, with input from the building owners whose walls will be painted. This year's murals will be located throughout Eureka, in clusters along the U.S. Highway 101 and Broadway, among other locations.

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OBITUARY

Charles ‘Red’ Baker

Our beloved uncle and friend, Charles “Red” Baker, passed away with family by his side on Jan. 1, 2022 at the age of 85 in Texarkana, Texas. Charles was one of a kind who loved big.

A few days after graduation at Wickes High School, class of 1956, Charles took a sack of clothes and boarded a bus with a ticket to ride as long as you want with only a few dollars to his name.

He got off in Northern California somewhere near Eureka. He worked at a sawmill. For 10 years, he owned and co-operated a local bar. He then went to work for Louisiana Pacific in Eureka, California until he retired.

In 2002, he moved back home (Wickes, Arkansas) to be close to his family. Charles attended Wickes United Methodist and Wickes Nazarene. He was a friend to everyone he met!

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Jimmie and Lula Baker; brothers, Orville, Ralph, Ed, and James Baker; sisters, Marie and Gladys Duckett.

He is survived by Dood Baker Jr., Kathy Johnson, Gary Hargis, Todd Baker, Ronnie Duckett, Kay Johnson, Frankie Duckett, Cindy Ahrens; and his Cossatot Senior Center family.



FLYING SQUIRRELS Celebrate International Wildlife Day Thursday, March 3 starting at 7 p.m. with the Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt for a free virtual evening lecture “Flying Squirrels and Coastal Martens - Learning about our Less Common Forest Neighbors.” The lecture will be presented by Drs. Barbara Clucas and Micaela Gunther from the wildlife department where they will reveal special techniques used to study these elusive species. Register at natmus.humboldt.edu/.

ELK RIVER WILDLIFE AREA

Join Redwood Region Audubon Society and leader Jude Power for this month’s Women and Girls Birding walk at the Elk River Wildlife Area & Hikshari Trail on Saturday, March 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. The section of the trail runs through the wildlife area, wanders along the shore of the Elk River estuary and then disappears into a large patch of willows, alders and pines. Along the water’s edge we’ll be looking for shorebirds, such as Marbled Godwit and Least Sandpiper, as the tide slowly covers the bay’s mudflats and pushes birds onto higher ground. A variety of gulls can often be seen resting and preening on the opposite bank of the estuary. As we venture into the woods, there will be sparrows, chickadees, finches, and possibly some active Yellow-rumped Warblers. And

as always, we’ll be keeping an eye to the sky for Bald Eagle or hawks on the wing. The Hikshari Trail is a relaxing place to enjoy birds and learn the common species that occur around Humboldt Bay. Please note that there are no public facilities and be sure to bring a windbreaker since we’ll be along the edge of the bay. For reservations and meeting location, contact Janelle at janelle.choj@gmail.com.

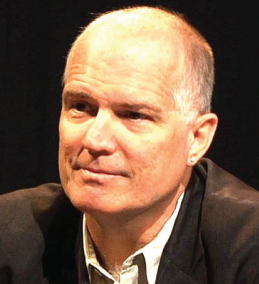


BIRDING AT THE MARSH

Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided bird walk at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, March 5 from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Meet leader Drew Meyer at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata. The month of March will bring in some early terrestrial migrants, like warblers, flycatchers, and vireos, while still hosting an abundance of wintering shorebirds and ducks, so it can be one of the busier birding months of the year! Keep an eye out for nesting or activity from our early resident breeders as well, such as mallards, hummingbirds and ravens. Contact, Ken Burton at shrikethree@gmail.com,

PUBLIC BANKS David Cobb will be guest speaker for the 350 Humboldt Speakers Series at 7 p.m., Monday, March 7. Cobb is the Humboldt County and North Coast Regional Director



David Cobb

of The California Public Banking Alliance and director of Cooperation Humboldt. Cobb will describe how public banks function to keep our tax dollars working locally to meet community needs, including climate change mitigation and adaptation measures. Get the Zoom link at actionnetwork.org/events/350-humboldt-presents-david-cobb-on-public-banks/manage.

KINGS RANGE WORKDAY Local trail enthusiasts are invited to join Friends of the Lost Coast for a trail stewards workday on Pacific Rim Trail in the King Range on Sunday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. Work will consist of brush and debris clearing along this approximately 2.5 mile loop trail. Tools will be provided. The Lost Coast Trail Stewards crew will meet at Pacific Rim Trailhead, just off Shelter Cove Road at Bear Creek, an unsigned turn-off approximately 2/10 mile east of the turnoff for Chemise Mountain Road. Participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks, water, and gloves, plus dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. For more information or to RSVP for the workday, email justin@lostcoast.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00083

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NORTHTOWN BOOKS 957 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521** **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DANTE J DIGENOVA 196 CRAWFORD ROAD TRINIDAD, CA 95570**

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL **S/DANTE DIGENOVA OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 28, 2022 **KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00136

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ROMERO EXCAVATION AND DOZER 4976 AIRSTEAM AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521** **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT JOSÉ L. ROMERO 4976 AIRSTEAM AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521**

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL **S/JOSÉ LUIS ROMERO YANEZ OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 15, 2022 **KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00043

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PUPUSERIA SAN MIGUEL 1965 ZEHNDER AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521** **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT GG FOOD SERVICE LLC CA 202200510316 1965 ZEHNDER AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521**

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY **S/GINO GRANADOS CEO** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 11, 2022 **KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 22-00068

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION 1385 8TH ST. SUITE 101 ARCATA, CA 95521** **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT GREENWAY PARTNERS, INC. CA 3162921 1385 8TH ST. SUITE 101 ARCATA, CA 95521**

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION **S/JULIE PERRY SECRETARY/CFO** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 24, 2022 **KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JENNIFER DEARDEN

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2200155 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **LEYA FAYE BANDUCCI** To Proposed name: **LEYA FAYE DEARDEN** 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: MARCH 25, 2022 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: FEB. 4, 2022 Kelly L. Neel Judge of the Superior Court

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294

Case Name: Farrah Peterson-Buskirk Case No. JV2100055

1. To Steven Buskirk and anyone claiming to be a parent of Farrah Peterson-Buskirk born on 9/30/2019 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, CA. 2. A hearing will be held on 5/4/2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor. Check the court’s website on how to appear at your hearing. There will be information posted on how to appear remotely if the court remains closed. For assistance with appearing virtually, please contact Child Welfare Services’ main phone line at (707) 445-6180. 3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer. 4. The social worker or

probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated. 5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you. 6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final. 7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present. ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES JEFFERSON BILLINGSLEY, COUNTY COUNSEL #233776 JOAN TURNER, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #152986 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 445-7236 DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2022 Clerk, by Kim M. Bartleson, Deputy 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HOYT L. SHORT CASE NO.: PR2200035

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

HOYT L. SHORT A Petition for Probate has been filed by DEBORAH SHORT-LEDESMA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: DEBORAH SHORT-LEDESMA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: MARCH 10, 2022 Time: 1:31 PM Dept.: 6 Address of court: Superior Court of California,

County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. CHRIS JOHNSON HAMER (SBN 105752) STOKES, HAMER, KIRK & EADS LLP 381 BAYSIDE ROAD. SUITE A ARCATA, CA 95521 (707) 822-1771 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME KATHLEEN M. JENSEN SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2200188 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **KATHLEEN M. JENSEN** To Proposed name: **KATHLEEN MARIA JONES** 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated

below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: APRIL 1, 2022 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: FEB. 14, 2022 Timothy A. Canning Judge of the Superior Court 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN Q. OLSON CASE NO.: PR2200044

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

JOHN Q. OLSON A Petition for Probate has been filed by RAELEEN OLSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: RAELEEN OLSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: MARCH 24, 2022 Time: 1:31 PM Dept.: 6

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. WILLIAM G. BERTAIN 1310 SIXTH ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 443-5078 3/2, 3/9, 3/16

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE M. PETERSON

Case No.: PR2200050 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **CHARLOTTE M. PETER-**

SON

A Petition for Probate has been filed by KAREN TEMPLETON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: KAREN TEMPLETON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: MARCH 17, 2022 Time: 1:31 PM Dept.: 6

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.** You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. WILLIAM G. BERTAIN 1310 SIXTH ST. EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 443-5078 3/2, 3/9, 3/16

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition with the City of Arcata for the purpose of enacting an ordinance which states that:

It shall be the official policy and practice of the City of Arcata to fly the Earth flag at the top of all city-owned flagpoles, above the flag of the United States of America and the California flag, and any other flags that the city may choose to display.

David Meserve Dated this 17th day of February, 2022

Ballot Title: INITIATIVE TO ENACT ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT EARTH FLAG IS FLOWN AT TOP OF FLAG POLE

Impartial Summary: If adopted by the voters, this initiative would require the City of Arcata to fly the “Earth flag” above all other flags, including the official flags of the United States of America and State of California, at the top of all City-owned flag poles. The Earth flag is defined in the initiative to be the flag that features a photographic image of the Earth taken from the Apollo 17 spacecraft on December 7, 1972. This image is often called the “Blue Marble.”

Respectfully submitted to City Clerk,

By Nancy Diamond, City Attorney

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Arcata Fire honors firefighters for everyday gallantry

ARCATA FIRE
McKINLEYVILLE – Career staff and their families, volunteers, Board Directors, and community members gathered at the Arcata Fire District Headquarters to honor several fire captains and engineers for their actions, leadership and courage during two different calls for service late last year.

In November 2021, Fire Captain John Evenson, Fire Captain Evan Gibbs and Engineer Manuel Burciaga responded to a newborn baby and mother along the Mad River.

Since the nearest rescue vehicle was approximately one-half mile east of the patient's location, the engine company had to hike in with their equipment.

Due to the condition of the newborn, Fire Captain Evenson wrapped the baby in a jacket, held the child

in his arms and ran back to the awaiting ambulance.

After turning the baby over to paramedics, Captain Evenson ran back to assist his crew and the ambulance with carrying the mother out in a stokes basket.

Both mother and baby were transported to the hospital.

It is for their actions at this incident that Captain Evenson, Captain Gibbs and Engineer Burciaga were awarded the Arcata Fire District's Commendation Award which represents individuals who display outstanding personal performance during emergent situations.

This is only the third time the district has issued this award.

Also, late last year, Captain John Evenson, along with his crew of Engineer Manuel Burciaga and En-



HANDSOME HEROES Engineer Manuel Burciaga, Captain John Evenson, Fire Chief Justin McDonald, Captain Evan Gibbs and Engineer Tyler Sung.

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gineer Tyler Sung, was dispatched to a structure fire with persons trapped.

While Engineers Burciaga and Sung provided patient care and deployed hose line in preparation for extinguishment, Captain Evenson entered the smoke-filled building, located the severely burned patient and, with assistance from Engineer Sung, carried her downstairs to awaiting paramedics. Evenson then returned and extinguished the fire.

It is because of Engineers Burciaga and Sung's diligent teamwork, proficient actions, and ability to conduct their duties without direct supervision with just seven months on the job, that they are awarded the Arcata Fire District's Commendation ribbon.

Manuel will receive a bronze star for his ribbon signifying this is his second award and Tyler will receive a ribbon.

Fire Captain John Evenson is the first recipient of the Medal of Gallantry. He acted without hesitation, displayed leadership and courage, and was instrumental in the rescue of the occupant from the bedroom. It is for all these reasons that he is being awarded the Arcata Fire District's

Medal of Gallantry.

"I am extremely proud to be able to recognize these four individuals for their exemplary actions. We may be a small group of firefighters, but my heartfelt opinion is that the team kicked ass and did our community proud!" expressed the appreciative Fire Chief, Justin McDonald.

After receiving his medal, Captain Evenson spoke about being able to use the skills they have been practicing for years to help a life. He finished his brief comments with, "I feel blessed to have that opportunity, we love our jobs, and I am thankful to be here."

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